

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4940-01
Bill No.: SB 1082
Subject: Secretary of State: Elections, Ballots
Type: Original
Date: February 14, 2008

Bill Summary: Modifies the ballot requirement for elections.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
State Elections Subsidy	(\$728,344)	\$0	(\$770,812)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(\$728,344)	\$0	(\$770,812)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of the Secretary of State - Elections Division** stated that this bill requires that voters who wish to vote in an election be given the choice of casting their vote on a DRE electronic voting machine or a paper ballot. This bill also requires that in order to ensure that voters are given this choice, that State of Missouri shall pay for paper ballots for state and federal elections.

Officials sampled several Local Election Authorities across the state, and determined that the average cost per ballot for an election is approximately 20 cents.

In accordance with state law it is estimated that 3,641,709 ballots would be needed to be printed in FY 2009.

$$3,641,709 \times .20 = \$728,344$$

In accordance with state law it is estimated that 3,854,067 ballots would be needed to be printed in FY 2011.

$$3,854,067 \times .20 = \$770,812$$

Officials concluded by pointing out that all costs incurred by an election authority in printing a sufficient number of paper ballots to comply with this section for all elections in which a state or federal office is on the ballot shall be an election cost as defined by section 115.065 and shall be paid by the state in the manner provided for in section 115.077.

Officials of the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** assume no fiscal impact to their division.

Officials of the **Platte County Board of Elections Commission** stated that costs for printing paper ballots is paid in a pro-rata manner by all districts/entities calling an election for any particular election date, and these are not direct expenses to the Board of Election Commissioners. Officials stated there would be increased costs, for the local entities holding elections.

Oversight assumes this legislation applies to only elections in which a state or federal office is on the ballot, and there would be no fiscal impact to local election authorities/counties.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
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**STATE ELECTIONS SUBSIDY
FUND**

Costs - To Secretary of State For paper ballot costs in certain elections.	<u>(\$728,344)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$770,812)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO STATE ELECTIONS SUBSIDY FUND	<u>(\$728,344)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$770,812)</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

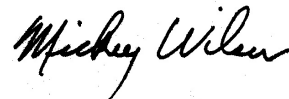
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State - Elections
Office of Administration - Budget and Planning
Platte County Board of Election Commission

NOT RESPONDING

Kansas City Board of Election Commission
St. Louis City Board of Election Commission
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Clay County Board of Election Commission
Jackson County Board of Election Commission
Boone County Clerk
Callaway County Clerk
Carroll County Clerk
Cape Girardeau County Clerk
Cass County Clerk
Cole County Clerk
Greene County Clerk
Lafayette County Clerk
Laclede County Clerk
Lawrence County Clerk
Marion County Clerk
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